

Sibo meets the Earth Man

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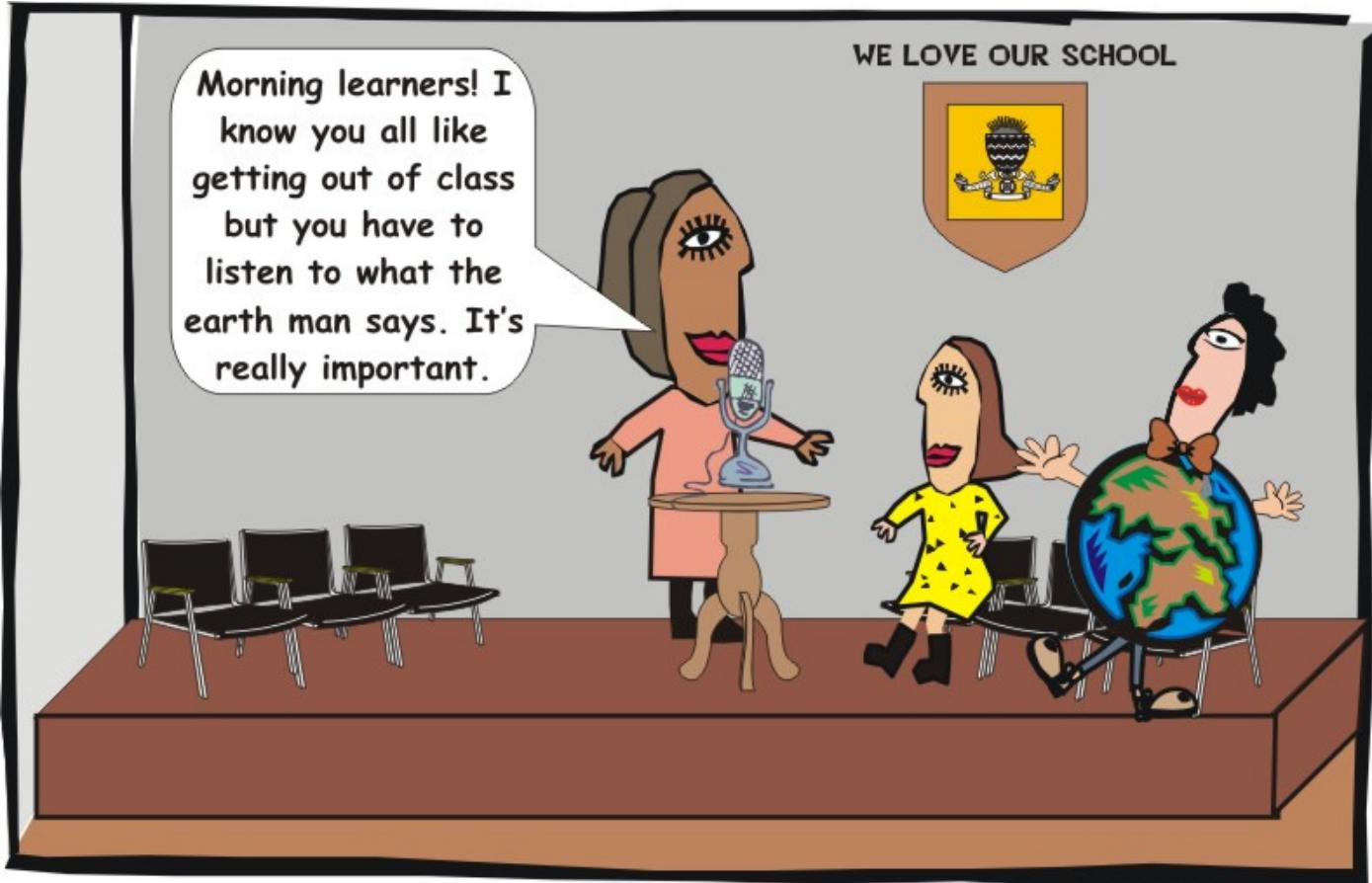
**Sibo was sitting in class one day
When the intercom beeped - it had something to say
“All of the learners must go into the hall
Hurry up now – do not waste time at all”**

**They looked at each other – what could it be
Something of very great interest to see?
Must be important because they all had to go
Just imagine if it was a magical show.**



**They trouped into the hall and sat down
A man was on the stage - dressed like a clown
He wore a funny round suit that went to his knee
He jumped up and said – “I’m the Earth Man, that’s me”.**

**Sibo and her friends giggled a bit
The earth man sure looked like a twit
It was probably going to be crazy and all
Listening to a man dressed like a ball.**



**The Headmistress tapped on her mike
She said "Morning learners. I know how you like
To get out of class and away from your work
You all think that coming to hall is a perk**

**The Earth Man will tell you about things that are scary
I hope that you'll listen – it's not airy fairy
About how the earth's climate is changing and forming
Something that scientists call global warming."**



**Sibo looked at her friend – such a very long word
Of this funny stuff they had not heard
But it might be interesting to find out
Just what this global warming was about**

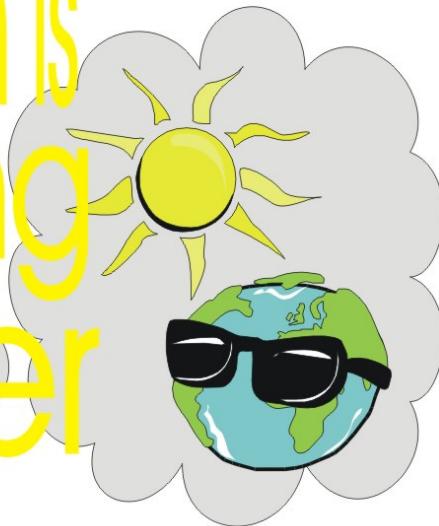
**The Earth Man stood up - he twirled round and round
The brown on his suit appeared to be ground
And the blue bits looked just like the sea
He patted his tummy – “I’m the Earth Man, that’s me!”**



**"Global warming – hmmm – let's look at the words
Globe is a word that I'm sure you've all heard
It's the world that you spin around and around
Another name for planet earth – that's our ground**

**Warming – well – you know what that means
If you race around when you're all full of beans
Your body warms up and you start to sweat
Hotter and hotter is what you will get."**

The earth is getting hotter



**“So it simply means the earth is getting hot
Just a little – not such a lot
But it makes a huge difference - it’s not at all funny
And it can’t be fixed quickly with money**

**We’ve been clearing land and cutting down trees
Warming the earth by a few more degrees
We drive big cars that burn lots of fuel
Seriously guys, this is really not cool”**



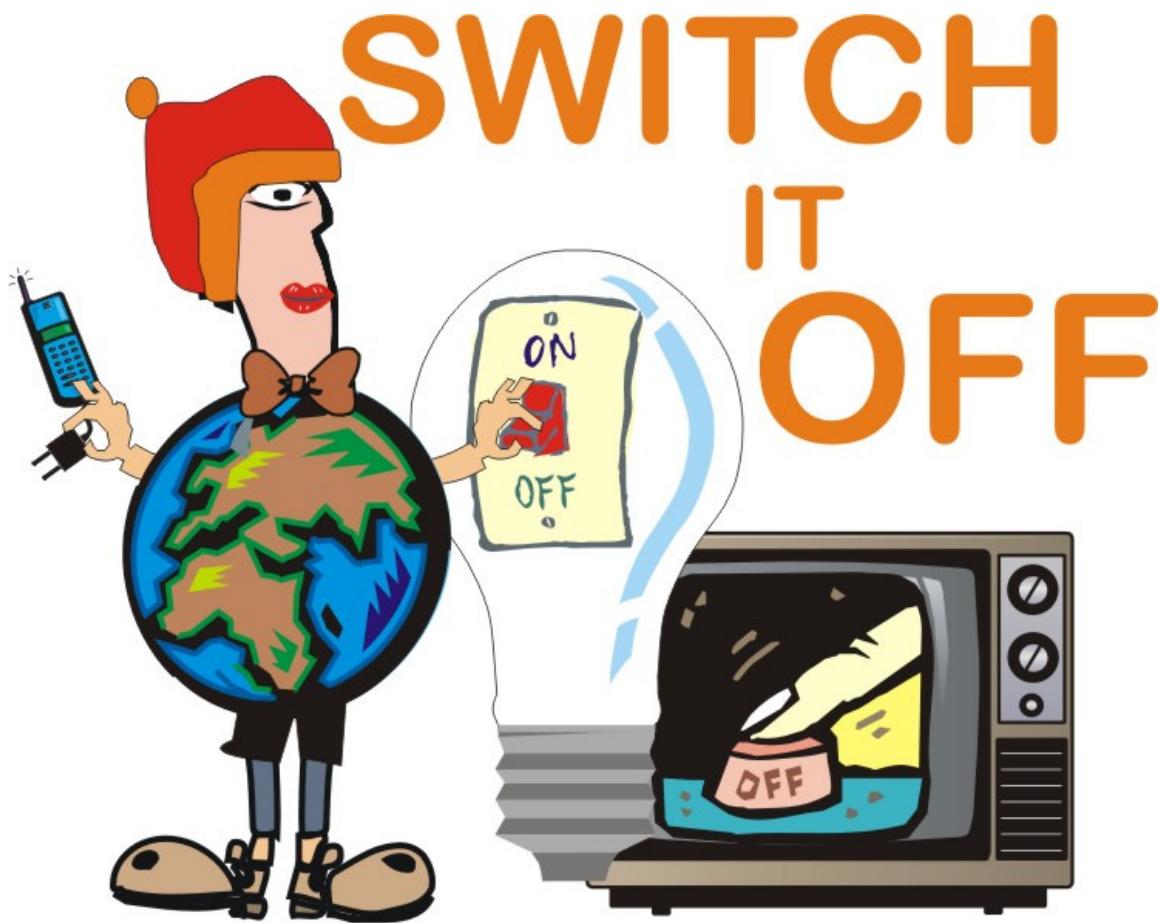
**“The ice is melting in the North Pole
The ozone layer has a large hole
Weather patterns are changing, some islands will drown
All of these things should make you frown**

**We have many industries that need lots of power
Factories have pollution spurting out of their towers
It’s all helping to mess up our air
And the time has come that people should care**



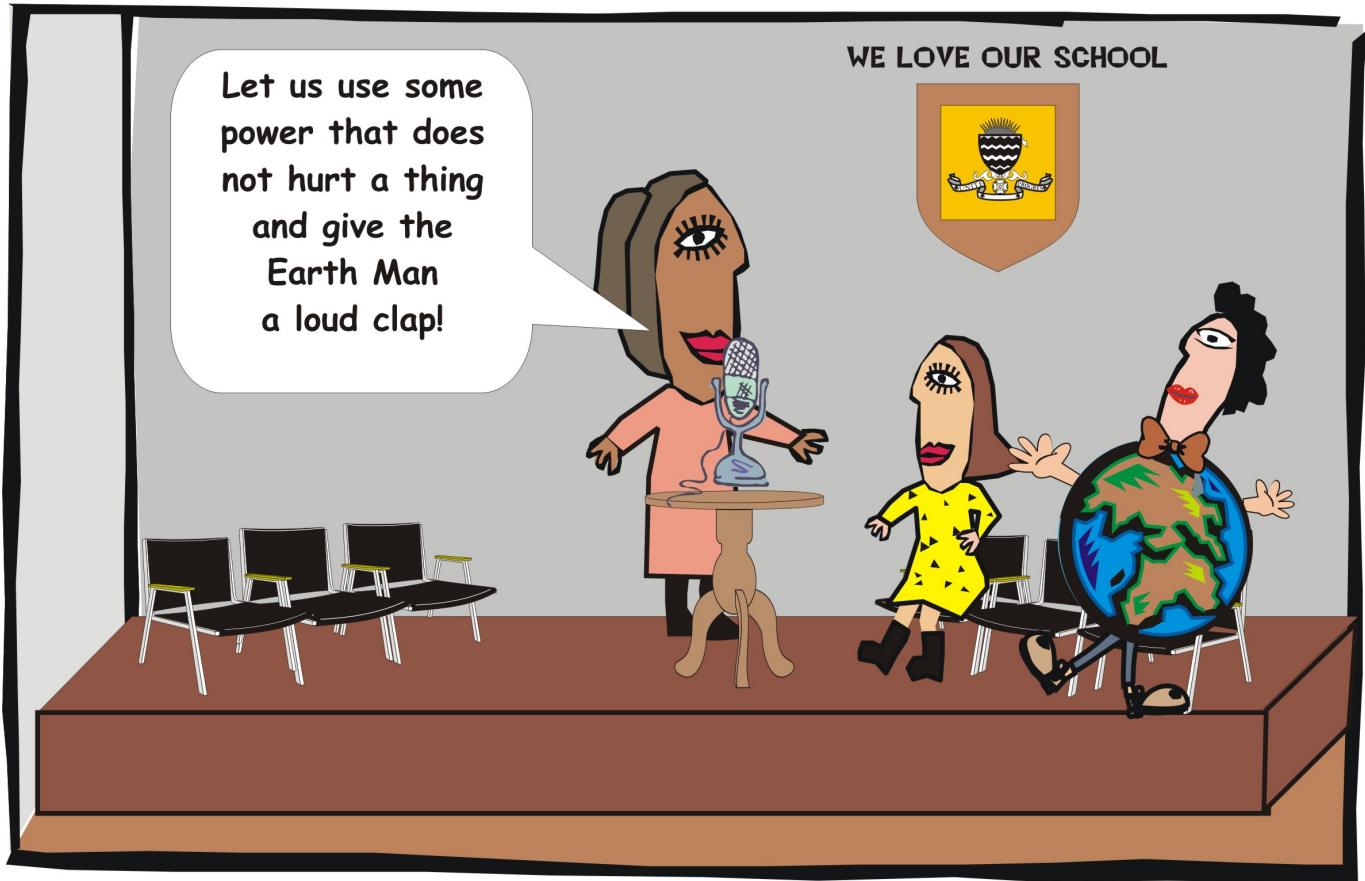
**The earth needs us all to do our wack
To get up and do stuff, not be laid back
If we each do just a few things every day
It will lessen the price that we all have to pay**

**Turn off lights in your house, plant a tree
It will make a difference - you'll see
You could even take a shorter shower
Then your mom would save money on power**



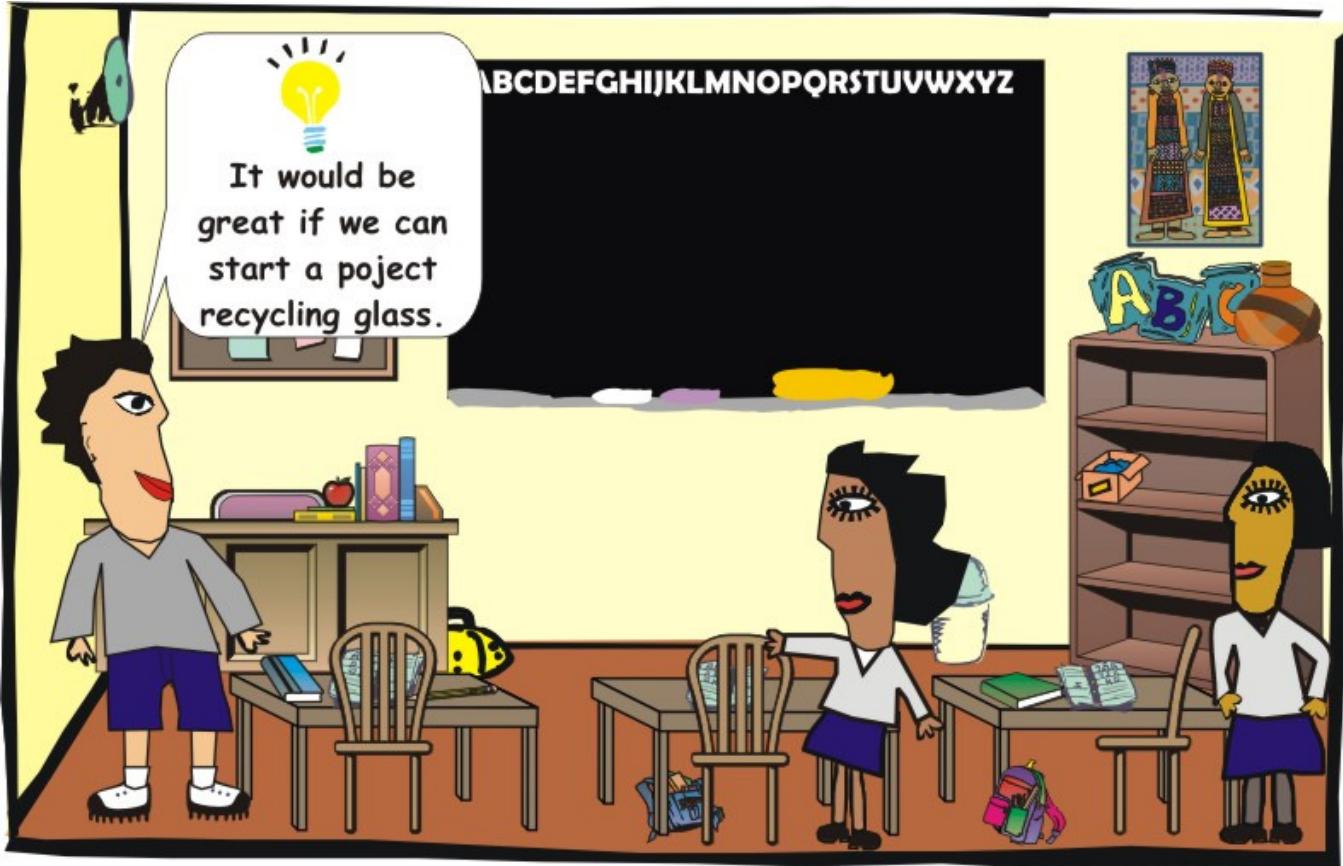
If you aren't watching, turn off your TV
What's the point of having it on, if you aren't there to see
The same is also true for your family PC
It's wasting our valuable energy

Here are some more things that you could do
Unplug your cell phone charger too
Don't use the heater – dress warmly instead
Wear a snuggly jersey – put a hat on your head



**You could start a project in your class
Recycling paper, plastic and glass
You could even earn money - you'll see
If you listen to the Earth Man – that's me!"**

**The Earth Man sat down, there was quiet for a while
Then the head of the school said with a smile
"Let's use some power that does not hurt a thing
Let's clap loud and long – after that we will sing."**



**Sibo said to Wayne as they left the hall
“That was not so crazy after all.”
Wayne agreed and nodded his head
“Imagine how great it would be”, he said**

**“If we could get all the kids in our class
To start a project recycling glass
And paper too – we could bring it from home.”
There was much to be done - they would not do it alone.**

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